

DATE: November 22, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 13: Consideration of a resolution authorizing an interagency agreement with the California Conservation Corps (RMC10502).

PROJECT MANAGER: Marybeth Vergara

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution authorizing an interagency agreement with the California Conservation Corps for services at the Duck Farm, El Encanto, Walnut Creek and South Gate (RMC10502) in the amount of \$48,240 for a time period through June 30, 2011.

BACKGROUND: This interagency agreement will provide the services of 3 Conservation Corps crewmembers, including one working supervisor for two days a week, for 10 hours/day at the WCA-owned locations including El Encanto, the Duck Farm, Walnut Creek and South Gate. In addition, the CCC's will provide 10 days of brush clearance, fuel load modification required by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, and trail work by a 10 person crew these locations. The total hours to be provided by the California Conservation Corps will be 2,680 for a total cost of \$48,240. The amount of the grant is \$48,240 for a period through June 30, 2011. See attached Exhibit A- Budget.

State agencies such as the RMC and CCC's are allowed and encouraged to enter into interagency agreements for services as appropriate and feasible. In the case of the CCC's, the interagency agreement with the RMC provides for cost effective critical services, while providing training in employable skills for at-risk youth in the State of California. Under the agreement, the CCC's provide a designated supervisor and minimum crew of 2-3 crew members. The crew is trained and works in conformance with all regulatory requirements for injury and illness prevention.

This agreement is consistent with the terms of the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) joint powers agreement that provides for a contribution from the RMC not to exceed \$50,000. WCA will provide coordination and oversight of daily tasks to be performed at the work sites. The CCC crew member cost under this agreement is approximately \$18 per hour, including tools and insurance. An indemnification between the agencies is on file.

The CCC is the oldest modern day corps program in the nation and is the model for corps programs worldwide. Over 3,000 young adults are hired each year, ranging from ages 18 to 25 and 14% of the statewide Corpsmembers are from Los Angeles County. Approximately 87% of Corpsmembers were unemployed at the time of enrollment, 11% lacked prior job experience, and 4% were homeless. Over 900 projects were completed during the 2008/09 fiscal year. Six cost-benefit studies have been published about the CCC or similar programs since 1980. Every study found that the benefits of the CCC, and similar program, to the participants and public exceed the costs of the programs (cost-benefit ratios varied from 1.2:1 to 7:1). The CCC also takes great pride in the educational achievements of their members, including award of high school diplomas, GEDs, and California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Math and Science Completions.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The funding for this project will utilize Environmental License Plate Funds for this contract from the agency's support budget. The total hours to be provided by the California Conservation Corps will be 2,680 for a total cost of \$48,240. This is broken down by 60 hrs x 28 weeks which is 1,680 hours x 18/hr= \$30,240. The additional 10 days of a 10 person crew totaling \$18,000, was calculated using: \$18/hr x 10 hrs/day x 10 people for 10 days, totals 1,000 hours. This work will likely take place at the Duck Farm and El Encanto and other locations as needed. The \$18,000 + \$30,240 totals \$48,240, with a total of 2,680 hours to be provided by the CCC's.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that: Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

Item 13- Exhibit A

Budget

3 Corps members, includes a Working Supervisor	Hours	Weeks	Amount
Duck Farm	10 hrs/week (1 day)	28 weeks* + 10 days of brush clearance, fuel load modification, brushing, hazard reduction and trail work. 10 crewmembers	
El Encanto	10 hrs/week (1 day) \$18.00/hour		
Other locations as needed: South Gate & Walnut Creek	TBD		
	\$30,240	\$18,000	\$48,240

*28 week agreement will take us through June 30, 2011, assuming a grant beginning date of December 2010.

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RESOLUTION 2010-87

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) authorizing an interagency agreement with the California Conservation Corps (RMC10502).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that: Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated November 22, 2010.
4. APPROVES the resolution authorizing an interagency agreement with the California Conservation Corps for services at the Duck Farm, El Encanto, Walnut Creek, and South Gate in the amount of \$48,240 for a period through June 30, 2011.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on November 22, 2010.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General